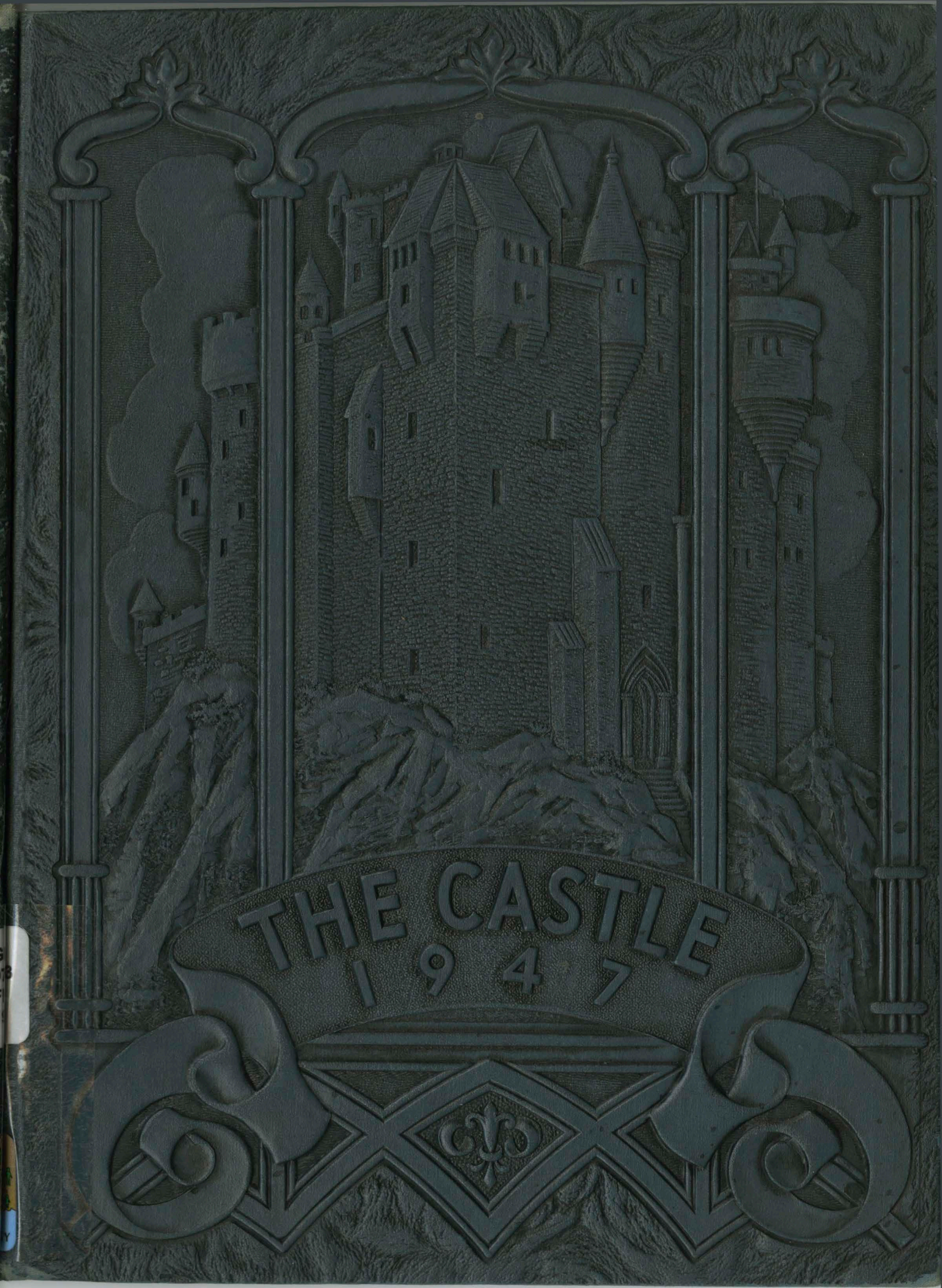
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The title of our annual publication is adopted from the name of our historic little town and school. The town was named for George, Lord Fincastle, eldest son of Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia in 1772. "Fin" is a bourn in Pethshire, Scotland, and "Fincastle" the site of an ancient castle upon it. The father of Lord Fincastle was a representative peer of Scotland in the British Parliament before he was commissioned Governor of Virginia

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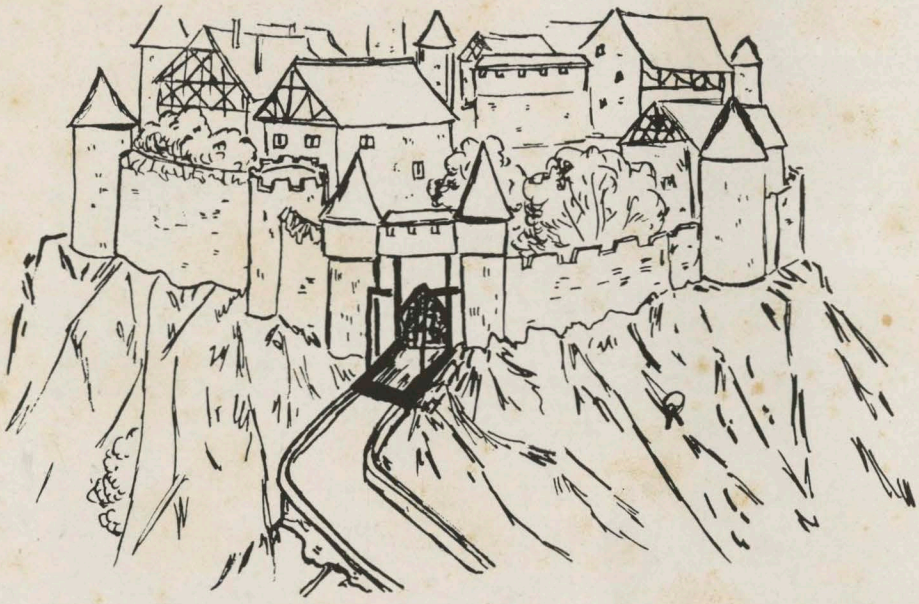


The drawbridge is lowered—the knights await thee—so come, let us venture into the interior of this 1947 CASTLE.

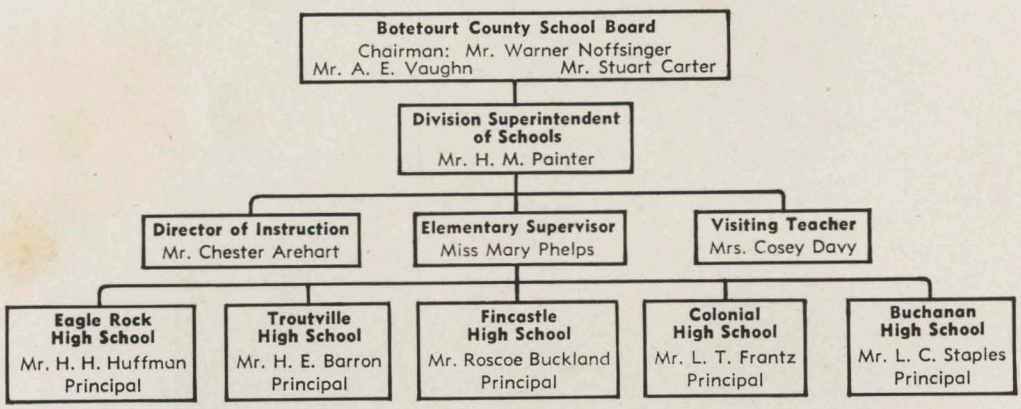
The Court of Teachers holds forth on pages five through seven. The scribes of this worthy epistle appear on page eight. Knights who completed their quests for diplomas in 1947 are recognized on pages ten through fifteen. On page sixteen is recorded the history of our knights. On page seventeen our full-fledged knights bestow their parting gifts. Merlin, the magician, has prophesied their future on page eighteen, and gives us a glimpse into his magic mirror on page nineteen. On pages twenty through twenty-six we greet our squires, pages, and scullions. Testimony of our deeds for the year is presented on pages twenty-eight through forty-five. For our last glance into Merlin's mirror, see pages forty-six and forty-seven. We salute the apprentice scullions hailing from Seventh-on-the-Grammar, who will enter our halls next year, on page forty-eight. Our venture ends with a visit to the good friends who helped us build this CASTLE.

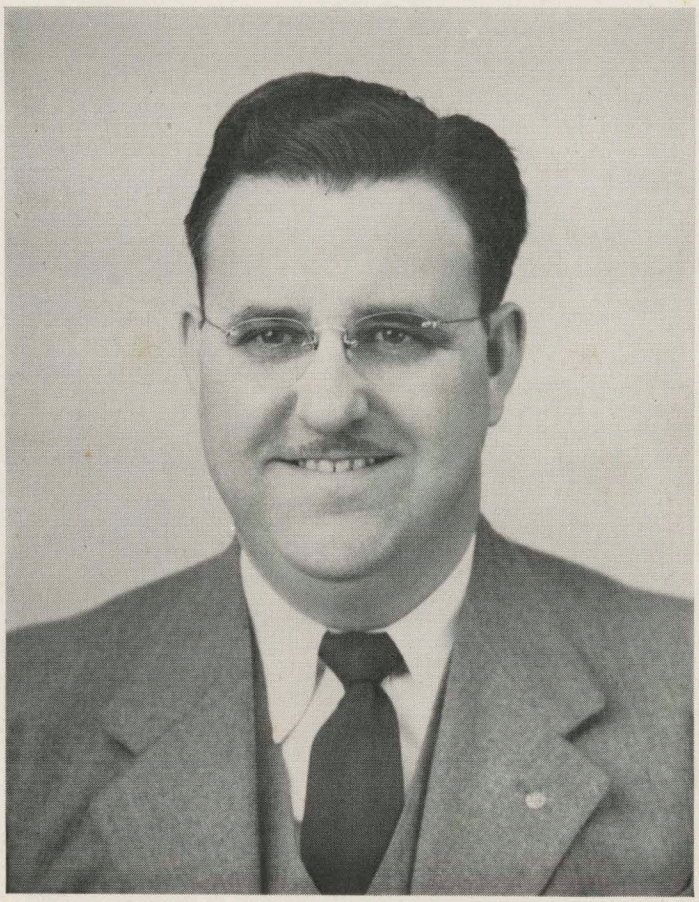
Dedication . . .

In appreciation for the numberless kind deeds which you have done for us, but which we too seldom have recognized, the Senior Class of 1947 dedicates this CASTLE to you,

MR. JAMES W. OBENSHAIN

Botetourt County Education System





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DUKE UNIVERSITY

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Miss Ellen Coleman
English, History, Mathematics

Miss Elizabeth Custis
Home Economics, Science

Mrs. Earl Duffy
Mathematics, Biology, Science

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Fifth and Sixth Grade

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Miss Lenna E. Etzler
Typing, Shorthand

Miss Betty R. Firebaugh
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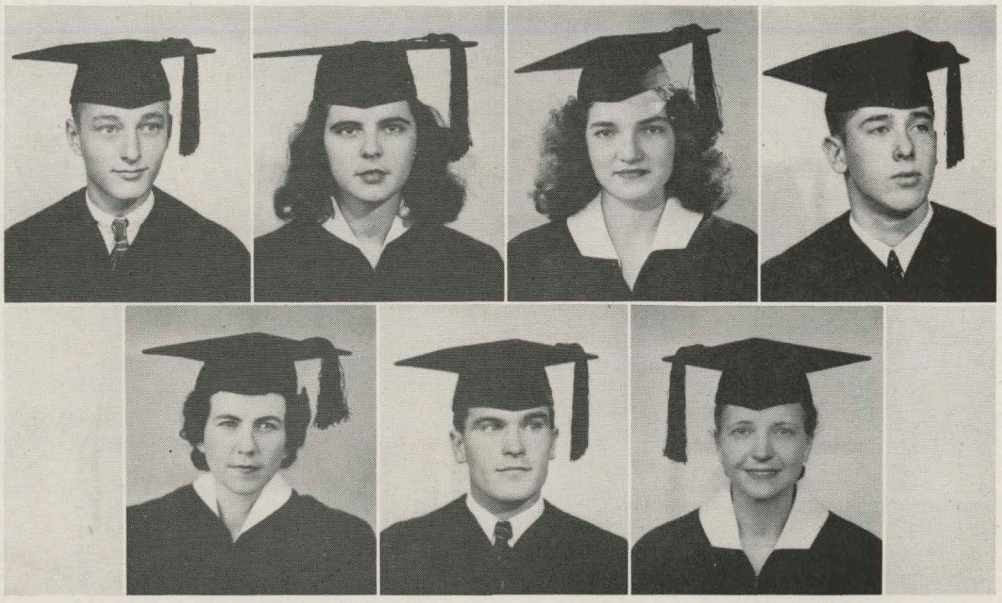
MEMBERS AS PICTURED

TOP PICTURE: *Rucker, Simmons, Vass, Peters, Stevens*
LEFT PICTURE, READING FROM BOTTOM: *Dalton, Camper, Dodd, Crouch, Cook*
RIGHT PICTURE, READING FROM BOTTOM: *Roberson, Sprinkle, Burch, Camden, Harris*
BOTTOM PICTURE: *Keith, Thompson, Brogan, Waid, Doss*

Classes



Senior Class

MOTTO: *"United we go forward"*

COLORS: *Red, White and Blue* FLOWER: *Red Rose*

OFFICERS

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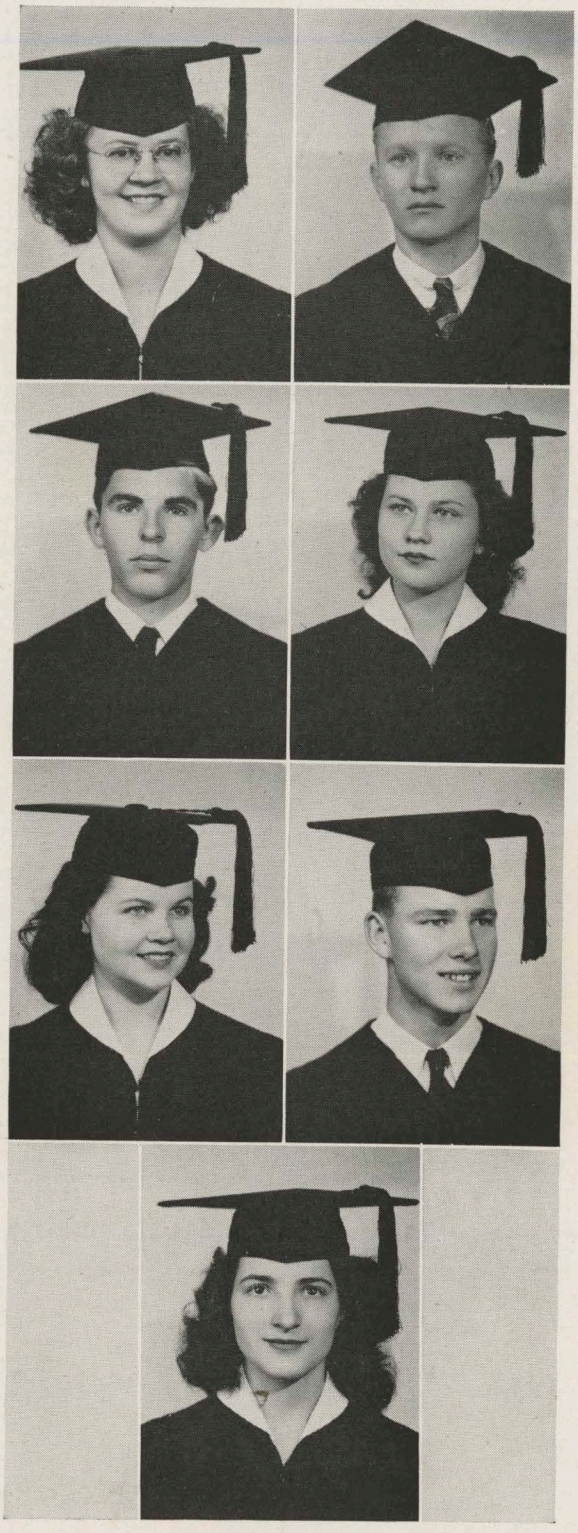


Blanch Lorene Baker
"Lorene"

Howard Cline Caldwell
"Mouse"

Norman LaHugh Cassell
"Peny"

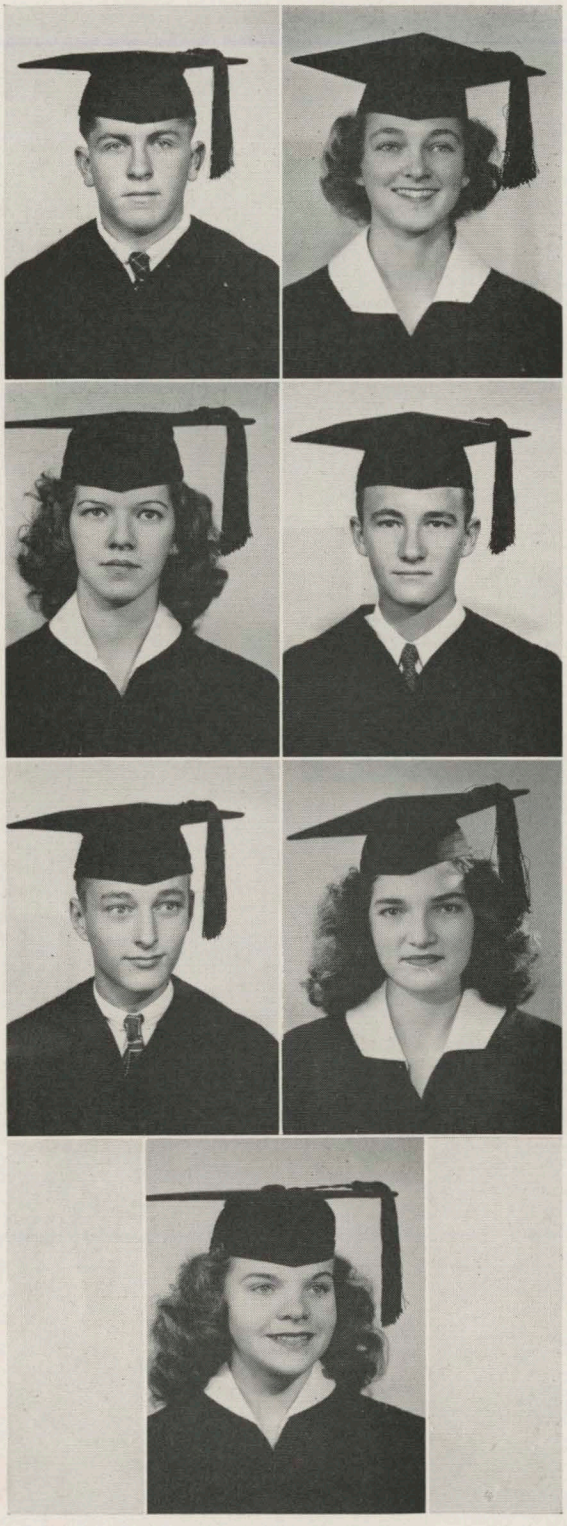
Yvonne Norine Baker
"Shorty"

Nola Helen Bennett
"Nola"

Robert Donald Coffman
"Bobby"

Hazel June Brogan
"Judy"

Seniors



Ashby Calvin Crowder
"Ashby"

Elizabeth Ann Burch
"Betty"

Rosa Lee Camper
"Rosa"

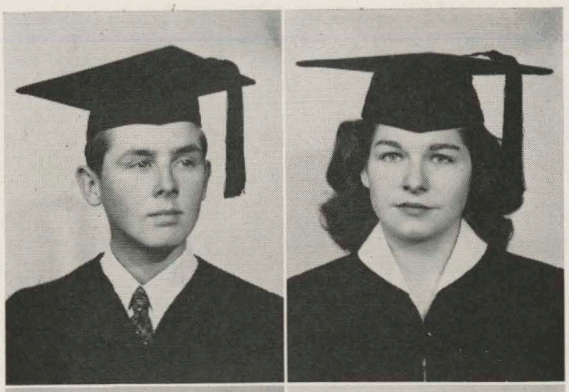
Earl Wayne Harris
"Earl"

Edward Houston Harris
"Ed"

Dorothy Anne Crouch
"Dot"

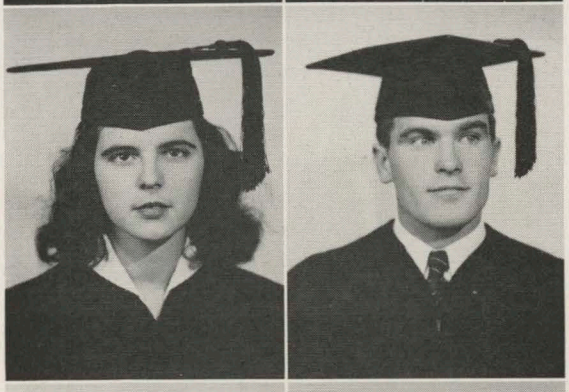
Muriel Marie Dalton
"Muriel"

Seniors



CYRUS EUGENE LEE
"Gene"

PHYLLIS JEAN DODD
"Phyllis"



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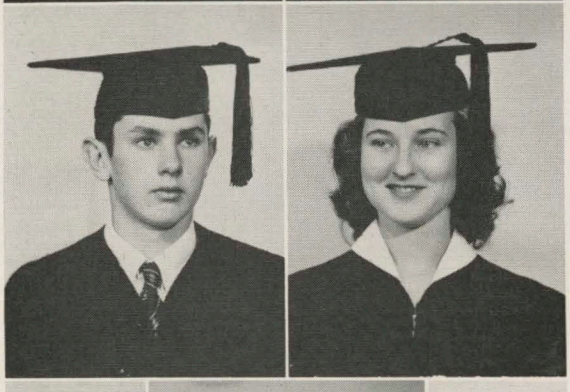
WILLIAM EDWARD PETERS
"Bill"

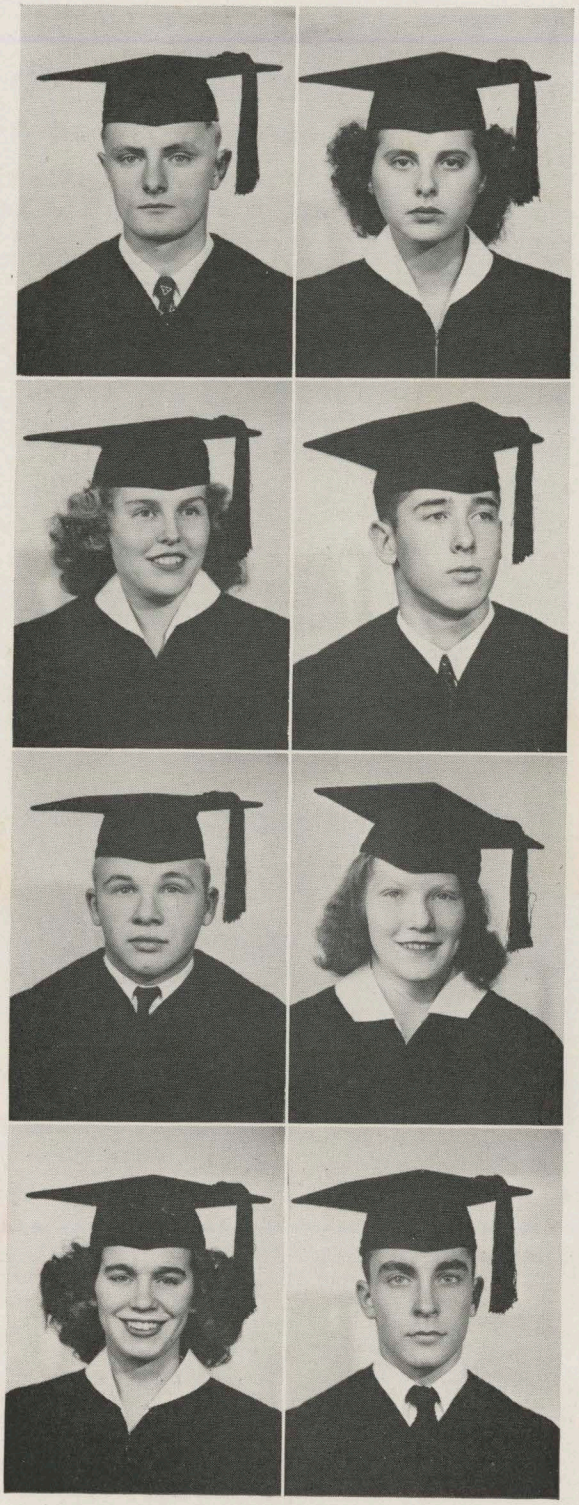


NASH LEONARD POWELL
"Nash"

GERALDINE ELIZABETH EDWARDS
"Dean"

EVELYN NETTIE HARRIS
"Evelyn"

Seniors



WELDON GARST RHODES
"Jay"

DOROTHY GLENICE HORTON
"Dot"

AUDREY LOUISE LEE
"Audrey"

JACOB LESTER SIMMONS
"Jake"

SAMUEL LAWRENCE THOMPSON
"Sam"

ELIZABETH CLAUDINE MARKHAM
"Elizabeth"

EVELYN NELLIE MORAN
"Evelyn"

ROBERT ARCHER WAID
"Bob"

Seniors

JEAN MILDRED POAGUE
"Jean"

MARVIN LOREN WOOD
"Bud"

FRED EARL WERTZ
"Fred"

AGNES LEE RUCKER
"Aggie"

PHOEBE EDWINA STEVENS
"Eddie"

REBA FRANCES VASS
"Reba"

STELMA LUCILLE WILHELM
"Stelma"

DOROTHY BELLE WOOD
"Dot"

EVELYN LUCILLE TREMBLY
"Evelyn"
Not Pictured

Scroll Clippings

1943-44

September of 1943 marked the beginning of our long, upward climb. Mrs. Booze and Mr. Obenshain, as class sponsors, and Judy Brogan, as president, led us through a hectic Freshman year. The forty-six of us were entertained by the sophomores at a reception.

1944-45

Our class dwindled to forty members. Ed Harris began his three-year reign as Class President and Judy began her reign as First Lady. We welcomed the Freshmen with a reception.

1945-46

Thirty-eight members comprised the Junior Class. Special events included prize-winning entries in the Creative Writing Contest, membership in the Beta Club, an Indian Moon Banquet for the Seniors, and a broken arm for Billy Peters. Several Juniors played on the basketball and baseball teams.

1946-47

That all-important Senior year saw thirty-four hardy Seniors remaining. Our long-awaited class rings arrived in November. Dot Crouch was editor-in-chief of *The Trojan Messenger*, our school paper. Seven of our members starred on the basketball teams, and Geraldine Edwards headed the cheerleading squad. The radiators burst and symbolized a bang-up year.

PHYLLIS DOSS, *Historian*

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye—"

WE, the Chivalroys Knights, beyne of sounde bodyie and of truye countenance, durst bequeath to ye, oyre vassals, oyre armor; alsæ outher hounors as recourded followyng:

Geraldine leaveth Madge her swing. Ed to Jack Spigle his driving ability. Elizabeth passeth on her straight A's to Jean Saville. "Peny" alloweth Gene Craft his basketball rides with Mary Ellen. Muriel leaves to Sister Shirley, her early morning scramble to catch the school bus. Ashby Crowder streweth his loose change to anyone who can find it. Judy passeth on to Bertha her ability to go with a boy steadily. Lorene steps from her No. 1 spot on the senior list to make way for Drucilla. Bobby Coffman bestoweth upon Rodney Heck his power of scholastic concentration. Nola leaveth her sweet smile to Aubrey Mae. Bob Waid leaves! ! !

Rosa Lee durst pass her "hand-me-downs" to Jacqueline. Phyllis Dodd leaveth to Rachel Gusler her ability of being seen, not heard. Billy passeth to Charlie that first look at the *Roanoke Times*' sports page and Betty bestoweth upon Betty Jean her last minute run to class. To next year's editor, Dorothy durst give her *Trojan Messenger* tantrums. Eugene maketh vacant his back row seat for Mack Trail, and Dorothy Horton leaveth her techniques for catching Troutville boys to any one who can get them. Lawrence lifteth the burden from his shoulders and places it upon Peggy. To the Catawba bus, Evelyn Moran leaveth the echo of her laugh, and Norine to Faye, her height. Weldon shares his prize-winning cattle judging secrets with Billy Austin. Audrey Lee bestoweth upon Nelda Rhodes her early morning run to the mirror, and Evelyn Harris to Hazel Thompson, that "lean and hungry look." Earl leaveth Richard Cook his shy, quiet mien, and to Rebecca Peters, Edwina durst give her band-box freshness. Jean Poague surrenders her box of rouge to Pearl, and Agnes leaveth Louise Trail to carry on the tradition of writing to the Army. Jacob bequeathes the Senior treasurer's books to any one who can figure them out. Dorothy Wood passeth to Geraldine Newcomb her blushing modesty; Phyllis Doss leaveth her sparkle to Jimmie to light his lonely Senior year. Nash durst bestow upon "Hop" his bottle of hair tonic. Stelma surrendereth her golden curls to Romaine Powell. Evelyn Trembly bequeathes her luminous eyes to Jean Aurich. To Dallas, Marvin durst pass his rifle report answers in class. Reba willeth to Jewel her biting sarcasm. Upon leaving, we the Chivalroys Knights, do express oyre sincere appreciation to oyre instructors.

Taketh this documente, ye vassals, as it be wrytten, and treasurye thy fruyts.

Testator: DOROTHY CROUCH

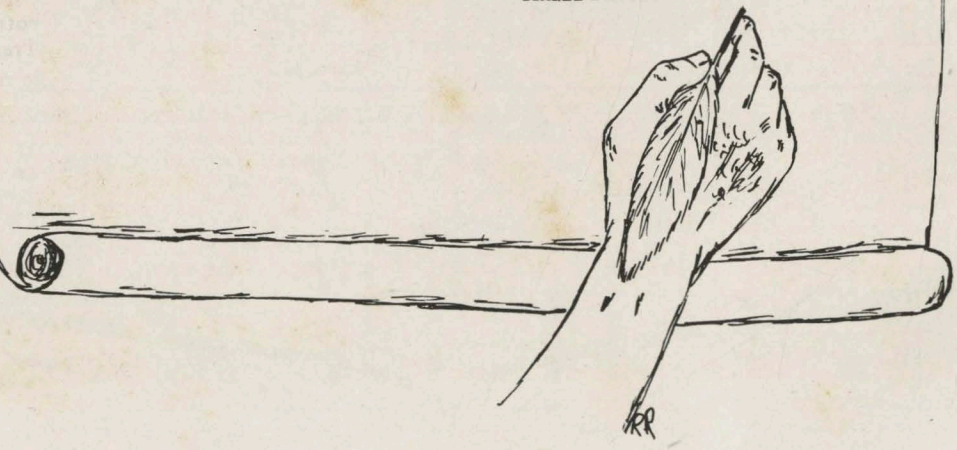
Witnesses: Prioress—JUDY BROGAN
Friar—EDWARD HARRIS

I, Merlin,

Foresee the following by the year 1957, *Anno Domini:*

Bobby Coffman—Jailed for disturbing the peace.
Peny—Old bachelor.
Geraldine—Contract with R. K. O.
Norine—Still trying to grow to five feet.
Ashby—Football coach at Notre Dame.
Reba—Singing at the Met.
Agnes—"Mrs. Dalton."
Earl—Worrying over his cold-wave permanent.
Dot Horton—In Reno.
Lawrence—Raising "Roses."
Phyllis Doss—Writing Spanish texts.
Marvin—Serving two-year stretch at Sing-Sing.
Edwina—On flight to Japan.
Betty—Recently escaped from Staunton.
Bob Waid—Organizing farmers under John L. Lewis.
Judy—Playing pro basketball.
Rosa—Still being true.
Gene—Headed to Canada on a "coon" hunt.
Nola—Just sittin' around lookin'.
Dot Crouch—Hostess at Hollywood Canteen.
Billy—Teaching "Little Bill" baseball.
Muriel—Mrs. Camden's private secretary.
Phyllis Dodd—Reading "Tom Thumb."
Weldon—Raising world championship stock.
Elizabeth—Famous for the discovery of a new ion theory.
Ed—President of the Brogan Shoe factory.
Dorothy Wood—Lecturing at the Grace Hospital.
Jacob—Singing "Three Jolly Fishermen" over KROV.
Evelyn Harris—Sets 1957 styles with "that bean-pole look."
Audrey—Manicurist in Bill's Barber Shop.
Evelyn Moran—With the Ringling Brothers.
Jean—Working in Bob's Bakery.
Evelyn Trembly—Back among the "Tarheels."
Nash—Pitching hay and milking cows.
Stelma—Receptionist at Radio City Music Hall.
Lorene—Dashin' for Nash.

Hazel Brogan



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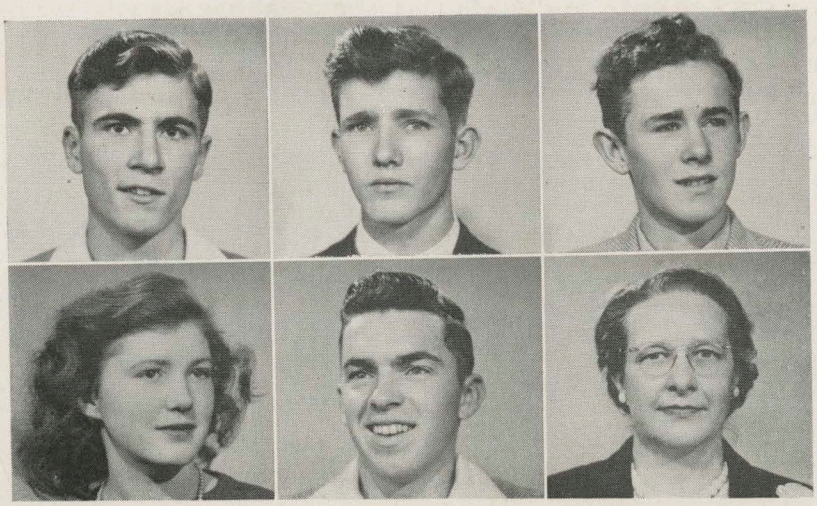

Junior Class

MOTTO: *"Opportunity is golden"*

COLORS: *Green and Gold* FLOWER: *Talisman Rose*

OFFICERS

RICHARD COOK ..... *President*

JACK SPIGLE ..... *Vice President*

JIMMIE ELLIS ..... *Secretary*

DRUCILLA BOLTON ..... *Treasurer*

RICHARD STEVENS ..... *Reporter*

MRS. BESS KOONTZ ..... *Sponsor*

Juniors

Drucilla Bolton	Dallas Conner	Bertha Brannan	Richard Cook
Gene Craft	Jacqueline Camper	Harlis Davis	Lucille Clark
Mareta Dalton	Charlie Dillon	Aubey Mae Dodd	Jimmie Ellis
Rodney Heck	Rachel Gusler	Jack Spigle	Katie Jenvey

Juniors

Peggy Keith
Maxine Otey
Barbara Robertson
Betty Jean Spigle
Richard Stevens
Rebecca Peters
Jean Saville
Hazel Thompson
Thelma Moran
Betty Ann Pullen
Pearl Short
Louise Trail
Mack Trail
Nelda Rhodes
Jewel Simpson

Sophomore I

MOTTO: "*American ends with 'I can'*"

COLORS: *Blue and Gold* FLOWER: *Tulip*

OFFICERS

BURTON BOLTON ..... *President*
BILLY AUSTIN ..... *Vice President*
JEAN AURICH BOLTON ..... *Secretary*
EDNA MAE CALDWELL ..... *Reporter*
MRS. P. E. DUFFY ..... *Sponsor*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Jimmy Davis, Jean Aurich Bolton, Edna Barksdale, Duane Drewery, Mae Barksdale, Norma Barksdale, Arthur Jenvey*
SECOND ROW: *Faye Adamson, Mary Ellen Burns, Wanda Grubbs, Ina Baker, Charles Crawford, Stella Cary, Mary Jane Crawford, Jean Harris*
THIRD ROW: *Mrs. P. E. Duffy, Gladys Harris, Dorothy Craft, Elsie Bennett, Martha Guy, Billy Austin, Dreama Fisher, Darys Caldwell, Ruth Harris, Belva Dalton*
BACK ROW: *Mary Gill, Edna Mae Caldwell, Virginia Ann Brogan, Genevieve Firebaugh, Burton Bolton, Claude Carter, R. J. Caldwell, Courtney Austin*

Sophomore II

MOTTO: *"Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands"*

COLORS: *Fushia and White* FLOWER: *Snapdragon*

OFFICERS

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SAM STEVENS ..... *Vice President*
BETTY KOHEN ..... *Secretary*
ANN SLUSSER ..... *Treasurer*
BETTY PECK ..... *Reporter*
MRS. MARSHALL ETZLER ..... *Sponsor*

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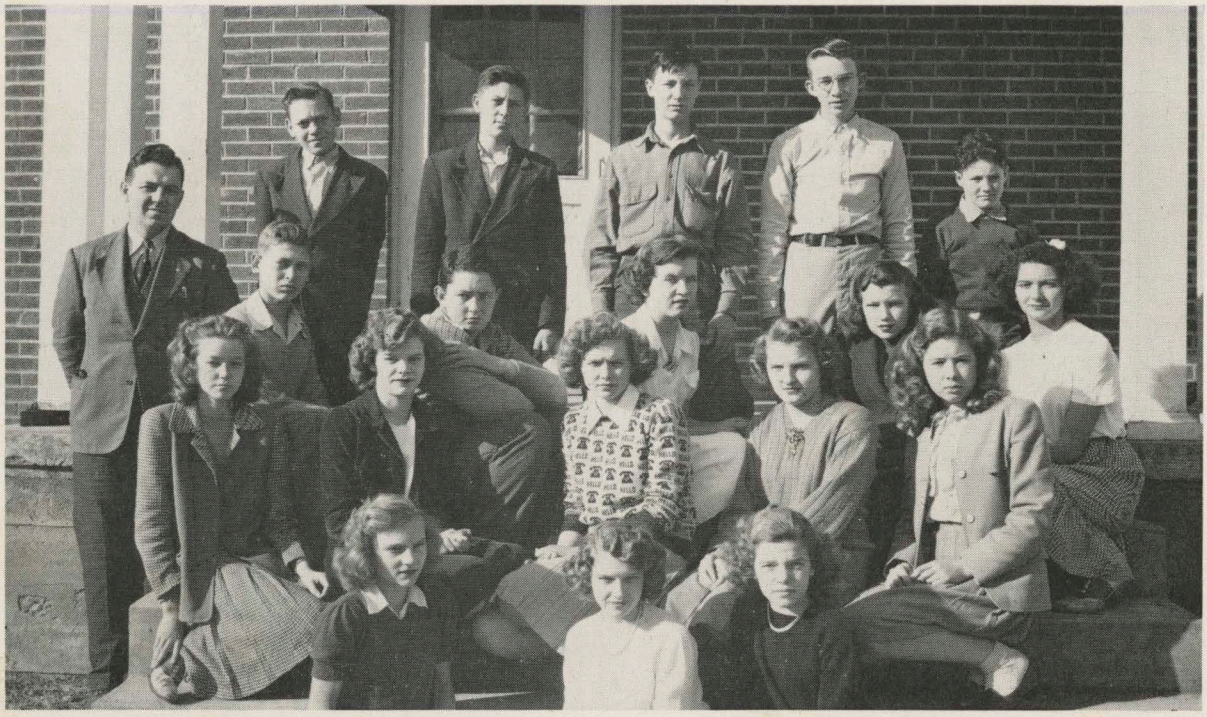
FRONT ROW: *Christine Wood, Betty Kohen, Madge Noffsinger, Betty Peck, Sarah Thomas, Rachel Roberson*
SECOND ROW: *Betty Milon, Lois Powell, Peggy Simpson, Helen Thompson, Louise Wright, Kathryn Johnson, Rodney Rhodes, Frank Linkenauger*
THIRD ROW: *Mrs. Marshall Etzler, Bill Mayhew, Ann Slusser, Shirley Naff, Dorothy Moran, Nancy Steffey, Eddie Boy Stevens, Jimmie McDowell*
BACK ROW: *Edward Spigle, Herman Short, Robert Thompson, Warren Rhodes, Sam Stevens, Charles Henry Ruff, Richard Newcomb, Allen Rhodes*



Freshmen I

MOTTO: *"Time which is lost is never found again"*

COLORS: *Blue and White* FLOWER: *Lily of the Valley*

OFFICERS

CALVIN ARMENTROUT ..... *President*
SHIRLEY DALTON ..... *Vice President*
JEAN BRICKEY ..... *Secretary*
LOIS EDWARDS ..... *Treasurer*
JAMES DEEL ..... *Reporter*
MR. J. W. OBENSHAIN ..... *Sponsor*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Doretha Crowder, Betty Jean Brickey, Barbara Dalton*
SECOND ROW: *Rebecca Camper, Shirley Dalton, Emma Craft, Clara Mae Cahoon, Lois Edwards*
THIRD ROW: *Mr. J. W. Obenshain, Johnny Alderson, Calvin Armentrout, Catherine Crowder, Arlene Hicks, Evelyn Crawford*
BACK ROW: *Sam Duvall, James Deel, Robert Hartsel, Carl Booth, Leon Brannan*
ABSENT: *Verle Duffy, Jessie Broughman*

Freshmen II

MOTTO: *"Make the good better and the better best"*

COLORS: *Red and Blue* FLOWER: *Carnation*

OFFICERS

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ANNE SPIGLE ..... *Vice President*
JANE RIELEY ..... *Secretary*
JOYCE POAGUE ..... *Treasurer*
BETTY LUGAR ..... *Reporter*
MISS ELLEN COLEMAN ..... *Sponsor*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Ruth Switzer, Freda Moses, Rosalie Green, Nadine Wilhelm, Annabelle Lee, Jane Rieley, Norma Garst*
SECOND ROW: *Joyce Poague, Lois Wilson, Loretta Reynolds, Jeanette Leslie, Joy Moses, Geraldine Harris, Lois Martin, Nancy Firebaugh*
THIRD ROW: *Betty Lugar, Dorothy Niday, Anne Spigle, Dorothy Lee, Romaine Powell, Eddie Mae Sprinkle, Harriet Harnsberger, Reva Ramsey*
FOURTH ROW: *Miss Ellen Coleman, Jack Lee, Ray Harper, Nelson Horton, Paul Wood, Leonard Short, Beverly Maupin, Melvin Painter, Matthew Wood, James Ikenberry*
BACK ROW: *Ralph Wertz, James Rucker, Melvin Goad, Garland St. Clair, Dewey Wright, Robert Sprinkle, Norwood Painter*

Activities

Student Council

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KATIE JENVEY ..... *Junior*
EDWARD SPIGLE ..... *Sophomore II*
FAYE ADAMSON ..... *Sophomore I*
EDDIE MAE SPRINKLE ..... *Freshman II*
REBECCA CAMPER ..... *Freshman I*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Dorothy Crouch, Peggy Keith, Billy Peters, Rachel Roberson, Katie Jenvey*

BACK ROW: *Eddie Mae Sprinkle, Rebecca Camper, Mrs. E. N. Camden, Faye Adamson, Edward Spigle, Bob Waid*

ABSENT: *Richard Stevens*

The National Beta Club

FINCASTLE CHAPTER

MOTTO: *"Ducamus Aliis Serviendo"*
COLORS: *Black and Gold*

Principles of the Beta Club are achievement, character and leadership, and students must have a high rating in each to become a member. Projects for the year have been collecting clothes for a needy boy and purchasing a Beta Club plaque. Fifteen members are looking forward to attending the State Convention in Richmond this spring.

OFFICERS

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PEGGY KEITH ..... *Vice President*
EDWINA STEVENS ..... *Secretary*
RICHARD COOK ..... *Treasurer*
JEAN SAVILLE ..... *Reporter*
MR. ROSCOE BUCKLAND ..... *Sponsor*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Edwina Stevens, Hazel June Brogan, Nola Bennett, Betty Kohen, Audrey Lee, Muriel Dalton, Phyllis Doss*
SECOND ROW: *Reba Vass, Lorene Baker, Madge Noffsinger, Drucilla Bolton, Rachel Roberson, Jean Aurich Bolton, Dorothy Wood, Jean Poague*
THIRD ROW: *Norine Baker, Betty Ann Pullen, Betty Burch, Jacqueline Camper, Peggy Keith, Pearl Short, Ann Slusser, Elizabeth Markham, Agnes Rucker, Evelyn Harris*
FOURTH ROW: *Phyllis Dodd, Jean Saville, Rosa Lee Camper, Hazel Thompson, Aubrey Mae Dodd, Faye Adamson, Dreama Fisher, Dorothy Crouch, Edna Mae Caldwell*
BACK ROW: *Jacob Simmons, Lawrence Thompson, Ashby Crowder, Bobby Coffman, Burton Bolton, Weldon Rhodes, Mr. Roscoe Buckland, Richard Cook, Billy Austin, Edward Harris, Bob Waid*
ABSENT: *Sarah Thomas*

Future Homemakers of America

MOTTO: "*Toward New Horizons*"

COLORS: *Red and White* FLOWER: *Red Rose*

The Fincastle Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America is affiliated with the state and national Home Economics clubs. One of the many goals for the year has been to raise money for the improvement of the exterior of the Home Economics Department and the purchase of a washing machine. Delegates from our chapter will attend the F. F. A.-F. H. A. camp at Morgate Beach during the summer.

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SARAH THOMAS.....*Vice President*
AUDREY LEE.....*Secretary*
BARBARA ROBERTSON.....*Treasurer*
SHIRLEY NAFF.....*Reporter*
BETTY JEAN SPIGLE.....*Song Leader*
MARETA DALTON.....*Historian*
MRS. FRANK BOOZE.....*Chapter Mother*
JEAN POAGUE.....*Parliamentarian*
MISS ELIZABETH CUSTIS.....*Sponsor*

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THIRD ROW: *Ruth Switzer, Dorothy Moran, Louise Wright, Hazel Thompson, Nelda Rhodes, Martha Guy, Louise Trail, Ina Baker, Dorothy Craft, Clara Mae Cahoon, Emma Craft, Reva Ramsey, Dorothy Niday, Arlene Hicks, Belva Dalton*

BACK ROW: *Ruth Harris, Dorothy Horton, Nancy Steffey, Lois Powell, Edwina Stevens, Mary Gill, Gladys Harris, Stella Cary, Mareta Dalton, Barbara Robertson, Dorothy Lee, Harriet Harnsberger, Elsie Bennett.*

Future Farmers of America

MOTTO: "*Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve*"

COLORS: *National blue and corn gold*

The F. F. A. is composed of forty-four active members. Eighteen members hold the Green-Hand degree, twenty-five the Chapter Farmer degree and one member the State Farmer degree, which is the highest degree awarded in the State organization.

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BACK ROW: *Dallas Conner, Norman Cassell, Ashby Crowder, Warren Rhodes, Herman Short, Rodney Heck, Richard Newcomb, Ralph Wertz, Jacob Simmons, Charlie Dillon, Mr. J. W. Obenshain*
ABSENT: *Freddie Lucas, Harlis Davis, Verle Duffy*

El Clubo Español

El Motto: "*El Ejercicio Hace Maestro*"

Los Colores: *Roja y Blanca* La Flor: *La Rosa*

El Club de Español se formó al principio de la escuela. La clase de español I y la clase II compusieron el club. El abjecto del club es: "La conversación de Español."

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Mrs. H. M. Painter.....*Sponsor*

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Third Row: *Mrs. H. M. Painter, Betty Lugar, Jeanette Leslie, Romaine Powell, Mary Jane Crawford, Betty Jean Spigle, Eddie Mae Sprinkle, Aubrey Mae Dodd, Peggy Simpson*

Fourth Row: *Leonard Short, Bill Mayhew, Shirley Naff, Edna Mae Caldwell, Peggy Keith, Virginia Ann Brogan, Norma Garst, Betty Milon, Richard Stevens, James Ikenberry, Johnny Alderson*

Back Row: *Ray Harper, Robert Thompson, Burton Bolton, Edward Spigle, Genevieve Firebaugh, Ann Slusser, Claude Carter, Arthur Jenvey, Nelson Horton*

Absent: *Jessie Broughman, Doretha Crowder, Geraldine Newcomb, Kenneth Painter*

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MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Bennett, Brogan, Stevens, Dalton*
SECOND ROW: *Edwards, Coffman, Powell, Moran, Horton, Rucker, Earl Harris, Ed Harris, Waid*
BACK ROW: *Thompson, Burch, Camden, Crouch, Camper, Wood*

The Music Appreciation and Choral Clubs

MOTTO: "*Time wrecks the proudest piles we raise,*
The towers, the domes, the temples fall,
The fortress crumbles and decays,
One breath of song outlives them all."

COLOR: *Blue* FLOWER: *Rhododendron*

The objectives of the Music-Appreciation and Choral Clubs are: to sing together, read notes, interpret songs and harmonize.

Each year the club gives a concert of Christmas carols on the steps of the courthouse.

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THIRD ROW: *Harriet Harnsburger, Stelma Wilhelm, Romaine Powell, Nelda Rhodes, Lorene Baker, Dorothy Wood, Phyllis Doss, Agnes Rucker, Drucilla Bolton, Phyllis Jean Dodd, Geraldine Edwards, Evelyn Moran*

FOURTH ROW: *Ina Baker, Barbara Robertson, Mareta Dalton, Reba Vass, Rebecca Peters, Audry Lee, Pearl Short, Jean Harris, Judy Brogan, Gladys Harris, Mary Gill, Betty Burch, Betty Ann Pullen*

FIFTH ROW: *Nola Bennet, Shirley Naff, Evelyn Harris, Elizabeth Markham, Catherine Crowder, Dorothy Crouch, Rosa Lee Camper, Betty Jean Spigle, Peggy Keith, Jean Saville*

BACK ROW: *Bertha Brannan, Billy Peters, Nash Powell, Ashby Crowder, Norman Cassell, Dallas Conner, Jimmie Ellis, Jack Spigle, Weldon Rhodes, Bobby Coffman, Richard Cook, Bob Thompson*

Song Club

MOTTO: "*All merry, all happy, all bright*"

COLOR: *Probably green, but never blue* ANIMAL: *Old Dog Tray*

The songs of Stephen Foster are revived each Friday at the regular meeting of the Song Club. The history of a famous song writer is reviewed by the sponsor. The purpose of the Club is not to sing for an education, but just to sing for fun.

OFFICERS

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EDWARD HARRIS.....*Vice President*
DOROTHY HORTON.....*Secretary*
CHARLIE DILLON.....*Treasurer*
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THIRD ROW: *Edward Harris, Claude Carter, Marvin Wood, Earl Harris, Melvin Goad, Carl Booth, Gene Craft, Jacob Simmons, Mary Gill, Robert Hartsel, Lois Wilson, Garland St. Clair*

FOURTH ROW: *Lawrence Thompson, Robert Sprinkle, Edna Mae Caldwell, Gladys Harris, Clara Mae Cahoon, Emma Craft, Dorothy Horton, Evelyn Moran, Dorothy Lee, Jeannette Leslie, Geraldine Harris, Reva Ramsey*

BACK ROW: *Mr. Roscoe Buckland, Dewey Wright, Norwood Painter, Ralph Wertz, Charlie Dillon, Bob Waid, Courtney Austin*

ABSENT: *Harlis Davis, Verle Duffy, Janice Haslette*

Art Club

MODEL ARTIST: *Vincent Van Gogh*

COLOR: *Van Gogh Yellow* FLOWER: *Sunflower*

The purpose of the Art Club is to learn the art of painting which includes the knowledge of drawing, and the skill of blending colors. It further teaches symmetry, shading and decoration, thereby helping the pupils not only to create but to enjoy the beauties of nature.

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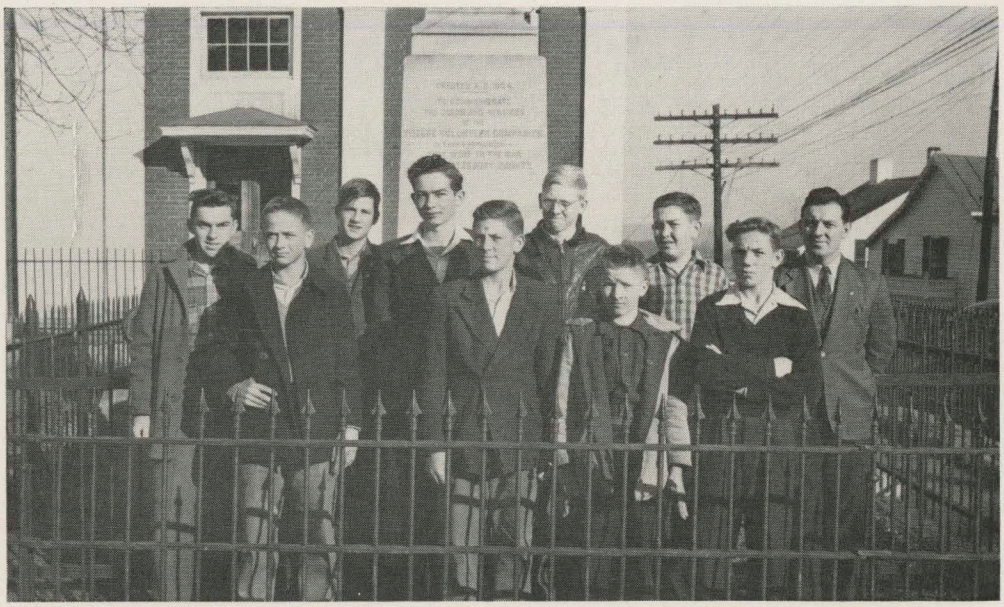

Stamp Club

MOTTO: *"Not finished, just begun"*

COLORS: *Red and White* FLOWER: *Touch-Me-Not*

Collecting stamps is the purpose of the Stamp Club. Each member has an album and the Club has collected several thousand stamps from different parts of the world. For the Club period, only precancel stamps of the United States cities are used, but each member will continue his regular collections outside of Club period.

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SECOND ROW: *Richard Stevens, Mack Trail, Rodney Heck, Herman Short, Billy Austin, Mr. J. W. Obenshain*
ABSENT: *Freddie Lucas*

The Etiquette Club

MOTTO: "*Better manners for better living*"

COLORS: *Green and White* FLOWER: *Lily of the Valley*

A well-mannered, thoughtful girl is the ideal of the members of the Etiquette Club. The Club is planning to buy "The Book of Etiquette" by Emily Post to use as a basis for study.

OFFICERS

BETTY MILON ..... *President*

PEGGY SIMPSON ..... *Vice President*

MARY JANE CRAWFORD ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

LOUISE WRIGHT ..... *Reporter*

MISS ELIZABETH CUSTIS ..... *Sponsor*

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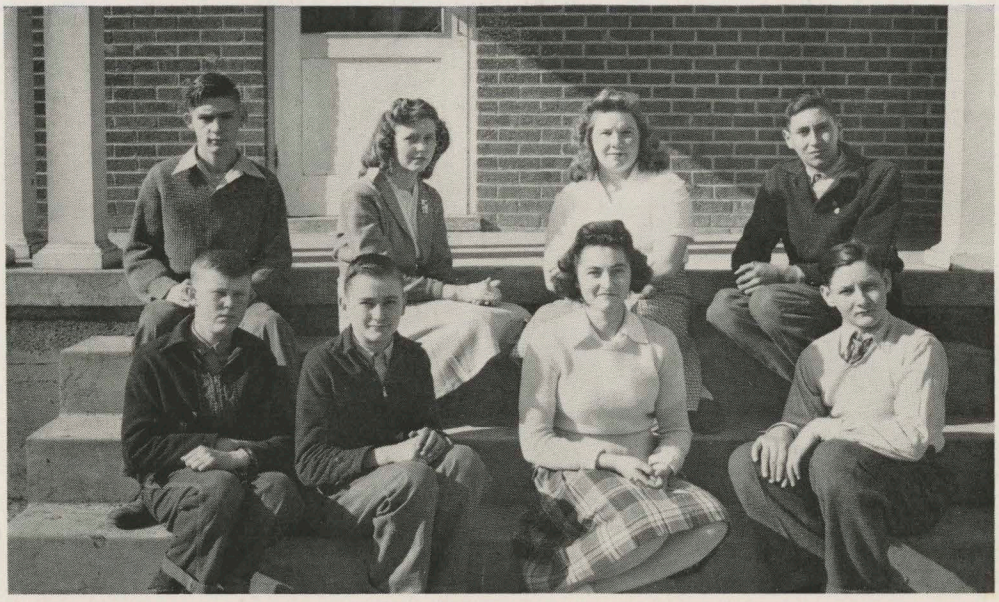
SECOND ROW: *Lois Powell, Louise Trail, Louise Wright, Helen Thompson, Dorothy Craft, Christine Wood, Miss Elizabeth Custis*

BACK ROW: *Martha Guy, Elsie Bennett, Ruth Harris, Dorothy Moran, Belva Dalton, Stella Cary*



The Bible Club

MOTTO: *"Lord, speak to me"*

COLORS: *Green and Gold* FLOWER: *Yellow Rose*

Under the direction of the neighborhood ministers, the Bible Club is studying the following things: how we got our Bible, the historical development of the Hebrew nations, types of literature, Bible characters, and the beginning and spread of Christianity.

OFFICERS

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CHARLES CRAWFORD ..... *Vice President*
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MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Rodney Rhodes, Allen Rhodes, Lucille Clark, Charles Crawford*
BACK ROW: *James Rucker, Thelma Moran, Hazel Thompson, Warren Rhodes*

The Literary Club

MOTTO: "*Learn to read, read to learn*"

COLORS: *Lavender and White* FLOWER: *Violet*

From the pages of current books and magazines, the Literary Club has gleaned material for many interesting programs. These are given by the members each week. A short play is planned for the spring.

OFFICERS

GENEVIEVE FIREBAUGH ..... *President*

VIRGINIA ANN BROGAN ..... *Vice President*

AUBREY MAE DODD ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

JACQUELINE CAMPER ..... *Reporter*

MISS ELLEN COLEMAN ..... *Sponsor*

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SECOND ROW: *Aubrey Mae Dodd, Norma Garst, Calvin Armentrout, Ray Harper, Jimmy Davis, Jane Rieley, Eddie Mae Sprinkle*

BACK ROW: *Dorothy Niday, Jacqueline Camper, Barbara Robertson, Genevieve Firebaugh, Miss Ellen Coleman, Sammy Stevens, Ann Slusser, Virginia Ann Brogan*

Library Club

MOTTO: *"Silence is golden"*

COLORS: *Blue and Yellow* FLOWER: *Chrysanthemum*

The growth and development of libraries is the main topic of study for the Library Club. The members have visited several large public libraries nearby. The club has endeavored to keep interesting books and posters on display.

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Sarah Thomas, Reporter; Darys Caldwell, President; Mrs. Marshall Etzler, Sponsor; Dreama Fisher, Vice President; Doretha Crowder, Secretary-Treasurer*

Creative Writing Club

MOTTO: *"For good lieth not in pursuing—but in doing and doing"*

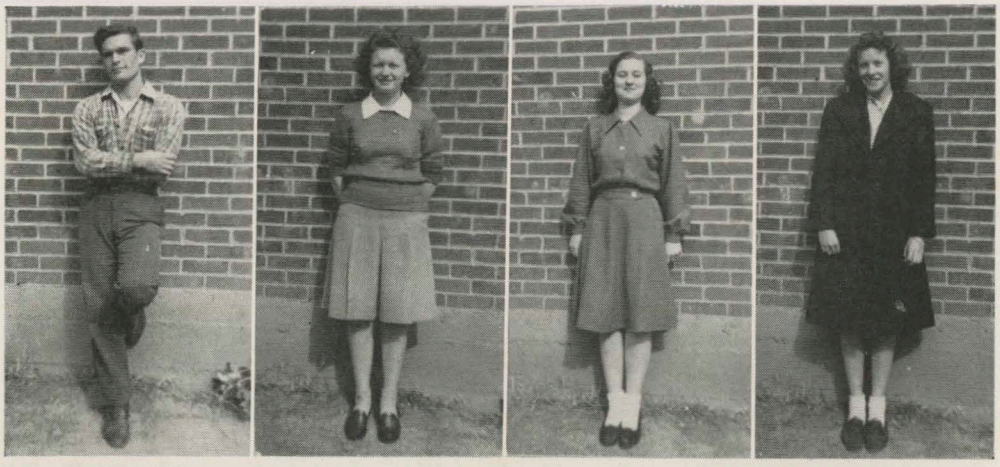
COLORS: *Black and White* FLOWER: *White Violet*

Short stories and incidents unfold from the pens of the members of this club. They are doing practice work in composition, and have written short plots and completed endings to given plots.

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

FRONT ROW: *Richard Newcomb, Vice President; Betty Lugar; Mrs. Bess Koontz, Sponsor; Jewel Simpson, President; Duane Drewery, Reporter*

ABSENT: *Geraldine Newcomb, Secretary-Treasurer*



The Office Workers

The many duties of the office workers begin "A" period. The lists of absentees must be typed and filed. The Daily Bulletin is also typed and distributed this period, sometimes extending into "B" period.

Whenever a student is late to class, he comes to the office where an office worker gives him a tardy excuse and records it for filing.

It is the duty of each office worker to know how to cut stencils and operate the mimeograph and Rex-O-Graph machines. They are also taught filing, the use of the adding machine, proper office behavior and the routine of any office.

The office workers are doing an excellent job.

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

LEFT TO RIGHT: *Billy Peters, Jean Saville, Geraldine Edwards, Reba Vass*
ABSENT: *Nola Bennett*

Cheerleaders

GERALDINE EDWARDS..... *Head Cheerleade*

TOP PICTURE

FRONT ROW: *Katie Jenvey, Norine Baker, Geraldine Edwards, Loretta Reynolds, Faye Adamson*
BACK ROW: *Phyllis Doss, Muriel Dalton, Mary Ellen Burns, Betty Burch*

The songs and yells heard at the games stem from one source, the Cheerleaders. Without their vigorous backing, our teams would feel lost indeed. At the beginning of the season, they sponsored a party for the basketball teams, and a sale of megaphones, beanies and school colors.

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BETTY ANN PULLEN.....*Manager*
HAZEL JUNE BROGAN.....*Captain*
BETTY JEAN SPIGLE.....*Co-Captain*

MEMBERS AS PICTURED

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SECOND ROW: *Mrs. H. M. Painter, Peggy Keith, Ann Slusser, Genevieve Firebaugh, Betty Ann Pullen, Nancy Firebaugh*
BACK ROW: *Doretha Crowder, Catherine Crowder, Jean Aurich Bolton, Betty Peck, Edna Mae Caldwell, Dreama Fisher, Madge Noffsinger, Barbara Robertson, Jacqueline Camper*
ABSENT: *Romaine Powell, Geraldine Newcomb*

SCORES FOR 1946-47 SEASON

Trojanettes	32	Eagle Rock	34
Trojanettes	27	Buchanan	20
Trojanettes	26	Dunlap	21
Trojanettes	24	Central	26
Trojanettes	29	Troutville	39
Trojanettes	38	Colonial	22
Trojanettes	25	Troutville	36
Trojanettes	26	Dunlap	21
Trojanettes	30	Colonial	25
Trojanettes	30	Eagle Rock	11
Trojanettes	21	Buchanan	20

Boys' Basketball Squad

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THIRD ROW: *R. J. Caldwell, Jimmie Davis, Arthur Jenvey, Gene Craft, Richard Newcomb, Claude Carter, Burton Bolton, Frank Linkenauger, Jimmy McDowell*

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Trojans	23	Eagle Rock	27
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Trojans	26	Dunlap	48
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Trojans	15	Troutville	21
Trojans	33	Dunlap	42
Trojans	20	Colonial	25
Trojans	33	Eagle Rock	51
Trojans	40	Buchanan	35
Trojans	30	Central	35

"Mirror, Mirror, on th' wall-"

"Mirror, Mirror, on th' wall-"

Incoming High School Students

The following is a list of those who are now in the Seventh Grade and who, if grades are satisfactory, will be members of the 1947-48 Freshman Class. Satisfactory passing of Seventh Grade work alone will admit these Students to High School.

Barbara Barksdale
Edith Beckner
Joyce Lorraine Bolton
Burleigh Breedlove
Patty Lois Brogan
John Brunk
Randolph Brunk
Charlotte Cahoon
Frances Cahoon
Percy Cahoon
Mary Carter
Lemuel Conner
Lomax Craft
Robert Craft
William Craft
Delbert Craighead
Patsy Cronise
Anna Lou Dalton
Marvin Dalton
Manuel Estep
Wanda Ferrell
Clyde Firebaugh
Dematris Goad
Madison Green
Eleanor Harris
Norman Hartsel
Wayne Haymaker
Nancy Heck
Reta Johnson
Garland Jones
Harold Kessler
Edgar Lackey
Jeanette Lackey
Herman Lee
Margaret Leech
Nancy Lewey
Marjorie Lugar
Miles Markham
Robert McDowell
Thomas Meredith
Ray Moran
Helen Palmer
Daphine Poff
Helen Powell
Russell Pullen
Mildred Rhodes
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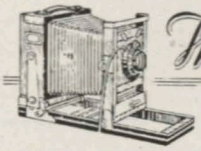

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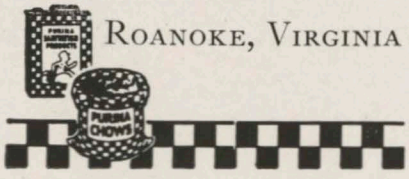

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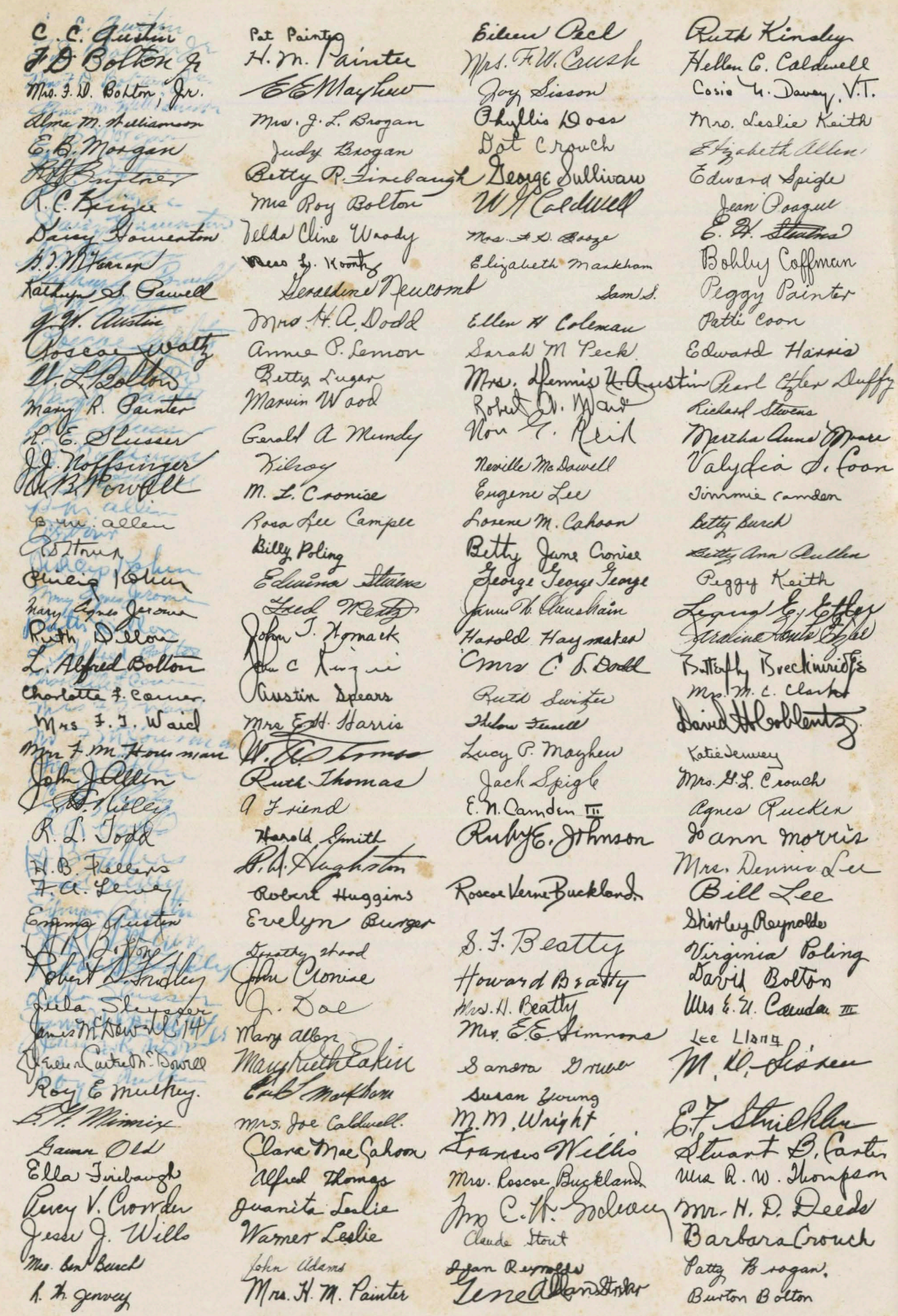

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